Increase in the prices of essential commodities

2237. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in prices of food stuffs like rice, dal, edible oils, and kerosene oil in the country during the last years; and

(b) if so, what were the market prices of these commodities during 1987-88 and the percentage of increase in prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) During 1987-88 there has been increase in the prices of various commodities mentioned in the question except Kerosene, the price of which has remained steady.

(b) The retail prices of 11 commodities in Delhi as on 27-3-1987 and 25-3-1988 are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Monthend Retail Prices of Selected Commodities in Delhi as on 27-3-1987 and 25-3-1988 and percentage variation

(Price in Rs.)

Commodities	Unit	Retail Prices as on 27-3-1987	Retail Prices as on 25-3-1988	Percentage Variation
Rice	kg	4.50	4.75	+5.6
Wheat	kg	2.50	2.80	+12.0
Gram	kg	5.25	6.25	+19.0
Arhar	kg	8.25	11.00	+33.3
Moong	kg	7.25	12.00	+65.5
Masoor	kg	7.25	7.50	+3.4
Urad	kg	8.25	9 00	+9.1
Vanaspati	kg	22.75	23.45	+3.1
Groundnut Oil	kg	26.00	30.00	+15.0
Mustard Oil	kg	20.00	23.00	+15.0
Kerosene Oil	litre	2.25	2.25	Steady

Implementation of the Participative Management Scheme

2238. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement the Participative Management Scheme in the country; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps/efforts are being made by Government to make the Scheme compulsory in Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Scheme of Employees Participation in Management is already under implementation.

(b) There is no proposal to make the Scheme compulsory in public sector undertakings.